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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Subject: Appointment of an Intelligence Advisory Committee

1. The President's letter of 22 January 1946 established an Intelligence Advisory Board consisting of the heads, or their representatives, of the principal military and civilian intelligence agencies of the Government having functions related to the national security, as determined by the National Intelligence Authority, to advise the Director of Central Intelligence. The National Security Act of 1947 makes no specific provision for the continuance of the Intelligence Advisory Board nor for a successor. However, Section 303 (a) of the Act authorizes the Director of Central Intelligence (among others) to appoint such advisory committees as he may deem necessary in carrying out his functions and the functions of the Agency under his control (Central Intelligence Agency).

2. Recognizing the advantages to be derived from such an advisory group, it is the proposal of the Director of Central Intelligence to appoint an Intelligence Advisory Committee which will to all intents and purposes continue in existence the Intelligence Advisory Board established under the National Intelligence Authority by the President in his letter of 22 January 1946.

3. It is therefore requested that the National Security Council

a. authorize the participation by appropriate members of the several departments in the Director of Central Intelligence's Intelligence Advisory Committee.

4. If the National Security Council approves this proposal, the Director of Central Intelligence will send Enclosure 1 as an invitation to the officers designated by them and to the Intelligence Director of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Encl:

Proposed Appointment of IAC

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